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In re Patent Application of:
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For: Modification of Bioassays for Detection of
Antigens Characteristic of Bacteria that are
Causative of Ear and Respiratory Infections to
Eliminate False Positive Results Caused by
Nasopharyngeal Colonization of Children

Examiner: Devi, Sarvamangala J N

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NONCOMPLIANT AMENDMENT

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Examiner:

In response to the Notice of Noncompliant Amendment mailed April 17, 2007, Applicants submit this amendment to the specification. No fee is believed to be due in connection with this submission. However, Applicants hereby authorize the Commissioner to charge any required fee to Deposit Account Number **06-1448, Reference ISA-102.01**.

Specifically, the Examiner has requested that the full text of the replacement paragraph (as opposed to the replacement line) be provided with markings to show all the changes relative to the previous version of the paragraph. Accordingly, the amendments to the specification should be: